

Foreman Report  
January 2015

Roads

- The biggest news for the roads department was the work done on the Ice Road. The crew installed all the Christmas trees, flooded both approaches, and moved piles of snow back to the banks with the 120. All of this was requested and communicated perfectly by Arnie with Nelson Construction. The weather has cooperated just enough to keep the ice road drivable and with colder temperatures coming in the beginning of February, the crew will be back out flooding to try and heal the crack on the Bayfield side.
- A few freezing rain events have been challenging to try and keep the roads safe. I feel that the crew has done an outstanding job of just that, all while conserving our limited amount of salt/sand.
- A yield sign was placed at the top of Griggs approach to help eliminate any confusion as to who has the right-of-way. This was discussed by the Town Board at the end of last year's ice road.
- A big thank you to Mr. Brown (property owner north of Griggs approach) for allowing the town to use one of his trees by Griggs to put a light on it. This light has been a cheap and great help to illuminate the entire road to the approach. It has been most effective when the windsleds are running and the school kids have to walk down the hill from the bus drop off.

Equipment

- The 96 pickup got new wheel bearings, brakes, control arms, tires, and a radiator. This was all budgeted for and has made the truck usable again.
- The 98 Plow truck received new retreaded tires, new rear axle seal, brakes adjusted and/or replaced, and a new cut edge on the wing.
- Fred was outfitted with 98's old tires and has had auto-slack adjusters installed and new brake pads installed where needed. In the beginning of February the plow, wing, and belly blade will be put on. This will be a great addition to the snow moving fleet if it ever snows again.
- It was discovered that the 2-tons plow was never installed properly and had a broken bracket on the frame. Rob's Snowplow was able to supply us with the proper bracket and helpful insight for the plow to be fixed in house.
- We purchased 12 new tires for the triaxle trailer and plan to install them and new brakes in the coming months. The old tires have zero tread, but surprisingly, still hold air.

Admin. /Misc.

- On 1/2/15 before the boats stopped running Midland Supply came over and topped off all of our propane tanks at a price of \$2.01/gallon.
- Propane usage has been recorded for each tank and building every month. This will allow us to closely monitor and get a better average of usage.

- The boiler in the Winter Transportation Building was not working properly. Adam did some research and was able to diagnose and fix the problem, which was not enough water in the system.
- A WAMS account was made and our water use at BBTP was filed for 2014. This is a new requirement by the DNR.
- Waggie has begun to help me clean out and reorganize the filing cabinets at the shop. This will continue through February as time permits.
- On 1/26/15 we held an after school plow safety program with the LaPointe school kids. We brought 54, 2-ton, and the 410 to the school parking lot and talked about plow safety with the kids and let them sit in and operate some of the controls in each piece of equipment. It was very fun for the crew to see the excitement in the kids' eyes. A big thank you to Regina for helping to coordinate the event. As requested by the kids, a few days later we made a large pile of snow in the playground for them to play on.
- Two Invasive species interns are being advertised for and applications are being reviewed.
- We ordered and replaced the Northwest beacon light on the break wall. This has been a much needed improvement for a long time. The unit is LED and has a self-contained battery and solar panel. It is easily seen from Bayfield on a clear night. The Southeast light will be replaced as well before the boats start running in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,

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